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1. German Patent Appln. No. DE 29604340 U1 published May 2, 1996 in German.
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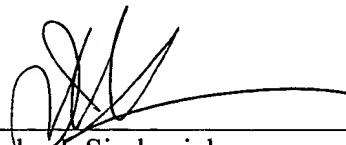
The two U.S. Patents are in English.

The relevancy of DE 29604340 is "U".

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